

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-9, 19-22 and 25-50 are pending in the application. Claims 19, 20, 26, 27, 30, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43-45 are allowed in this application. Claims 1-9, 21-25, 28, 29, 31, 35, 38, 39, 42, 46-50 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 32 and 33 are amended per Examiner's suggestion. Support of amended Claims 32 and 33 can be found in pages 24-28 of the original application as filed.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following remarks.

#### ***Claims Rejection 35 U.S.C. 112***

Claims 21-22, 25, 28-29, 31-33, 35, 38-39, 42 and 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Per Examiner's recommendation, Claims 21-22, 25, 28-29, 31, 35, 38-39, 42 and 47-50 are canceled without prejudice. Likewise claims 32-33 are amended to add "then" between "and" and "a" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### ***Claims Rejection 35 U.S.C. 103***

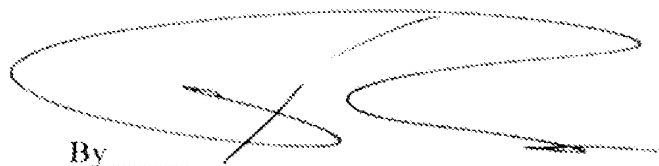
Claims 1-9, 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rath et al., EP 0 91 771 A1. Claims 1-9 and 46-50 are canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

For at least the reasons set forth herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all the rejections have been overcome and all the pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, withdraw of the rejection and allowance of the present application is warranted. If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (650) 322-7371.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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